

The Historie of

What with our helpe, what with the absent King,
What with the iniuries of wanton time,
The seeming sufferances that you had borne,
And the contrarious windes that helde the King
So long in the vnluckie *Iris* Warres,
That all in *England* did repute him dead;
And from this swarme of faire aduantages,
You tooke occasion to be quickly wooed,
To gripe the generall sway into your hand,
Forgot your oath to vs at *Dancaster*,
And being fed by vs, you vs'de vs so,
As that vngentle gull the Cuckowes bird,
Vseth the Sparrow, did oppresse our nest,
Grew by our feeding, to so great a bulke,
That euen our loue durst not come neere your sight
For feare of swallowing: but with nimble wing
Wee were inforst for safety sake, to flie
Out of your sight, and raise this present Head,
Whereby we stand opposed by such meanes
As you your selfe haue forg'd against your selfe,
By vnkind vsage, dangerous countenance,
And violation of all fayth and troth
Sworne to vs in your younger enterprise.

King. These things indeed, you haue articulate,
Proclaymed at Market crosses, read in Churches,
To face the garment of Rebellion,
With some fine colour that may please the eye
Of fickle changelings, and poore discontents,
Which gape, and rub the Elbow at the newes
Of hurly burly innouation:
And neuer yet did Insurrection want
Such water colours, to impaint his cause;
Nor moody Beggars, starving for a time,
Of pel-mell hauocke and confusion.

Prin. In both your Armies, there is many a soule
Shall pay full dearly for this encounter.
If once they ioine in tryall, tell your Nephew,
The Prince of *Wales* doth ioine with all the world

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Henry the fourth.

In prayse of *Henry Percy*: by my hopes
This present enterprise set of his head,
I doe not thinke a brauer Gentleman,
More active, more valiant, or more valiant young,
More daring, or more bold, is now aliue,
To grace this latter age with Noble deedes:
For my part, I may speake it to my shame,
I haue a trewant been to Chivalrie,
And so I heare hee doth account mee too;
Yet this before my Fathers Maiestie,
I am content that he shall take the ods
Of his great name and estimation,
And will, to saue the blood on either side,
Trie fortune with him in single fight.

King. And, *Prince of Wales*, to dare we venture thee,
Albeit, considerations infinite
Doe make against it: No good *Worcester*, no,
Wee loue our people well; euen those we loue
That are misled vpon your Coosens part:
And will they take the offer of our Grace,
Both hee, and they, and you, yea every man,
Shall be my friend againe, and Ile be his:
So tell your Coosens, and bring me word,
What he will doe. But if he will not yeeld,
Rebuke and dread correction waite on vs,
And they shall doe their office. So be gon,
We will not now be troubled with reply,
We offer faire, take it aduisedly.

Exit Worcester.

Prin. It will not be accepted, on my life,
The *Douglas* and the *Hotspur* both together,
Are confident against the world in armes.

King. Hence therefore, every Leader to his charge,
For on their answer will we set on them;
And God befrend vs, as our cause is just.

Exeunt. Alarum

Fal. Hal, if thou see me downe in the Battell
And bestride me so, tis a point of friendship.

Prin. Fal.

Prin. Nothing but a *Colossus* can doe thee that friendship.
Say thy prayers, and farewell.

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